

FISCAL NOTE

HB 248 - SB 479

March 17, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL:

1. Requires a private entity providing misdemeanor probation services to:
 - maintain documentation on all supervised misdemeanants for a period of three years;
 - post a \$25,000 performance bond and file a copy with the clerk of all courts in each county in which the entity provides services;
 - purchase a liability insurance policy in an amount at least equal to the limits established in Governmental Tort Liability Act;
 - provide a quarterly report to the clerks of criminal and general sessions courts;
 - provide application form to clerks of criminal and general sessions courts.
2. Makes it a Class C misdemeanor offense for:
 - any government employee or the employee's immediate family to have a direct or indirect interest in a private entity that provides probation services or to receive anything of value in an individual capacity from such an entity, or
 - a private entity providing probation services to give or offer anything of value to a government employee or the employee's immediate family.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Assumes:

- some increases in contract costs for local governments that choose to contract with such entities.
- impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director